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1ST SESSION

H. R. 696

To amend the Higher Education Act of 1965 to restrict the disqualification of students for drug offenses to those students who committed offenses while receiving student financial aid.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FEBRUARY 11, 2003

Mr. MEEKS of New York introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Education and the Workforce

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Responsible Student
5 Financial Assistance Assurance Act of 2003”.

1 **SEC. 2. LIMITATION OF DISQUALIFICATION.**

2 Section 484(r)(1) of the Higher Education Act of
3 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1091(r)(1)) is amended by striking ev-
4 erything preceding the table and inserting the following:

5 “(1) IN GENERAL.—A student who is convicted
6 of any offense under any Federal or State law in-
7 volving the possession or sale or a controlled sub-
8 stance for conduct that occurred during a period of
9 enrollment for which the student was receiving any
10 grant, loan, or work assistance under this title shall
11 not be eligible to receive such grant, loan, or work
12 assistance from the date of that conviction for the
13 period of time specified in the following table:”.

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